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CELLS AND ASSESSMENT THEREOF

**Mail Stop RCE**

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.114**

Dear Sir:

In connection with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) of the above-captioned application, Applicant requests consideration and entry of the following amendment and response, responsive to the Office Action, , mailed March 10, 2006, and to the Advisory Action, mailed June 23, 2006.

**A listing of the claims,** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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